

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
WHEELING DIVISION**

MARK MCEVOY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DIVERSIFIED ENERGY COMPANY PLC,
et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 5:22-cv-00171-JPB
Judge John P. Bailey

**DIVERSIFIED’S OBJECTION TO ORDER DENYING
DIVERSIFIED’S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Diversified¹ asks the Court to overturn Magistrate Judge Mazzone’s Order Denying Diversified’s Motion for Protective Order (ECF No. 253). The Court should grant the requested relief for the reasons given in the accompanying memorandum offered in support of this objection.

¹ “Diversified Defendants” or “Diversified” are Diversified Energy Company PLC, Diversified Production LLC, and Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation. As Plaintiffs are aware, (1) Diversified Gas & Oil, PLC now operates as Diversified Energy Company PLC; (2) Alliance Petroleum Corporation now operates as Diversified Production LLC; and (3) Diversified Oil and Gas LLC does not exist.

Respectfully submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on May 16, 2023, a copy of the foregoing was served on all counsel of record via the Court's electronic filing system.

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